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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

This communication responds to the Office action dated April 14, 2004, and is accompanied by a two-month request for extension of time.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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	TOTAL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	20	0	X \$18	0.00
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In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

Charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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